

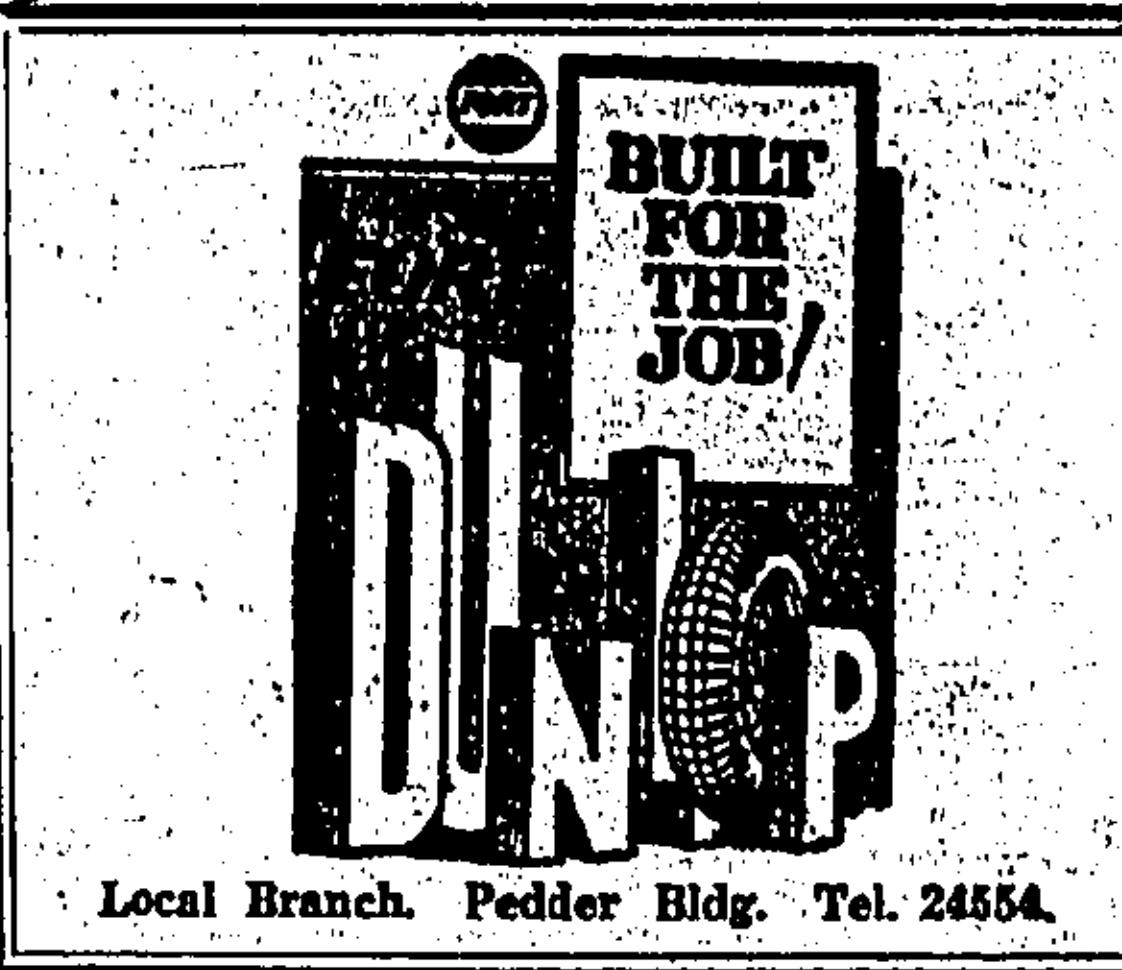


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COALITION MINISTRY FOR BRITAIN?

RUOMUR OF A THREE-PARTY CONSTITUTION

SUNDAY MEETING

VISITS TO THE PALACE AND DOWNING STREET

The Labour Government has not yet resigned, but its resignation is contemplated and may be placed in the hands of His Majesty any time now.

According to Reuter, the formation of a National Government has been under discussion, and it is said that the Constitution for the new Administration, in which all three parties will be represented, is being discussed.

According to a British Official Wireless report, a scheme to meet the situation had been suggested which, it was hoped, would prove acceptable to all Ministers and Parties.

RESIGNATION TO-DAY?

London, Yesterday. Reuter understands that conversations between Party leaders at Downing Street to-night, after the Cabinet meeting, related to the formation of a National Government.

New Constitution Under Consideration.

The Labour Government has not yet resigned but resignation, it is understood, is contemplated, and it is believed that arrangements are under discussion with a view to drawing up a constitution for the new administration in which all Parties will be represented.—Reuter.

Authoritative Statement to Be Issued.

Rugby, Yesterday. Great importance attaches to the decision of the Cabinet which assembled at 10 Downing Street at seven o'clock this evening for the first Sunday meeting of a Cabinet Council which has been held for many years.

The significance of this meeting was indicated in a communiqué issued at the close of yesterday's Cabinet meeting. It was announced that the Cabinet had been engaged in putting the finishing touches to a scheme which, it was believed, would meet the situation revealed by the recent Economy Committee's report, and that Ministers would meet this evening to hear results.



Cabinet Room at No. 10.

The Cabinet is still in session. An authoritative statement is to be issued when it rises.

Long Cabinet Meeting.

The Cabinet meeting is still proceeding. The Cabinet meeting lasted three hours and three-quarters. Just before it dispersed, the acting Leader of the Liberal Party, Sir Herbert Samuel, arrived at No. 10 Downing Street. He remained with the Prime Minister after most of his Cabinet colleagues had left.

British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Neville Chamberlain left Downing Street at ten minutes past

DEMAND FOR MOST SHARES.

Market Steady at To-day's Opening.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The Stock Market was steady this morning, and there was a demand for most stocks.

Banks were the medium of sale at \$2,040, as were Bank of East Asia at \$134.80.

Underwriters were done at \$6. There were sellers of Douglas at \$24, but without business.

Wharves were transacted at \$163 1/4.

Providents were recorded at Saturday's rates.

Hotels changed hands at \$17.45, sellers asking \$17.75, and at the close there were buyers at \$17.50.

For the new shares \$16.75 was bid, but sellers wanted \$17.10.

Lands were dealt in at \$90 1/4, but buyers were offering this figure at the end.

Shanghai Lands were in demand at \$41, but nothing passed.

Realities were wanted at \$17.30, but nothing was realised.

Evans were put through at the improved quotation of \$15.20 and \$15.60. Buyers at \$15.50 were unable to obtain shares.

There were buyers of Trams at \$21.80 who could not connect.

China Lights were in strong demand at \$23.10.

Telephones (fully paid) in demand at \$47, but no shares came out.

Canton Ices were wanted at \$8.10, but the rate did not lead to business.

Cements (combined) were negotiated at \$20.25, and at the close buyers were offering \$20.20, but failed to get shares.

H.K. Ropes changed hands at \$21.40 and \$21.45, and there were still buyers at \$21.30.

Constructions were disposed of at \$19.20.

There were sellers of Government Loan at 5 1/4 per cent prem.

evident Party co-operation was intended.

Sir Josiah Stamp at No. 10.

One of the callers at Downing Street was Sir Josiah Stamp, the distinguished economist and a Director of the Bank of England.

Resignation Expected To-day.

London, Yesterday. The arrival of Opposition leaders so late after the Cabinet meeting is interpreted as meaning that the Premier has failed to win over the minority opponents in the Cabinet and attempts are being made to form a National Government in which all Parties will be represented.

Efforts are likely to be continued on Monday when the resignation of the Labour Government is expected.

Strong Opposition to Certain Proposals.

There has been strong opposition in the Cabinet to the economy proposals which the Premier and some of his leading colleagues, including Mr. Snowden, deem necessary to meet the financial situation.

Fruitless Efforts.

Much of the Cabinet's time to-night is doubtless being devoted to a fruitless effort to secure Cabinet unity.

Thrills for Spectators.

The report that an attempt was being made to form a National Government was the climax of the evening's thrills for thousands of spectators who had gathered about the Palace.

Premier Pale and Depressed.

When Mr. MacDonald emerged at 10.15 p.m. from Downing Street to go to the Palace he was pale and seemed very depressed.

It was assumed he was conveying his resignation to the King which opinion was strengthened when he returned so soon. The idea, however, was dispelled when Opposi-

REPLY TO GANDHI.

COMPLAINTS ARE BASELESS.

FULL STATEMENT.

AN EXAGGERATED ATTITUDE.

Simla, Yesterday.

Mahatma Gandhi's complaints of breaches of the Delhi Pact and allegations that local Governments were pursuing a policy of oppression against Congress, also sensational stories of stripping and ill-treatment of women, has elicited a detailed reply from the Government of India. The reply shows that a number of the complaints were baseless, many others grossly misrepresented, or exaggerated, and the other cases,

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued at 10.26 a.m. to-day says:—

The typhoon is now a few miles N.W. of Naha, moving N.W.

There are indications of another to the East of Koshun, but this is not yet certain.

Forecast:—Westerly or variable winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received by the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory at 10.18 a.m.

9.15 a.m. August 24, 1931. Typhoon in about 127 degrees Long. E., and 26 degrees Lat. N. moving N.W.

[This is near the Loo Choo Islands. The typhoon appears to be making for the Yellow Sea.]

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day nil. Total since January 1—59.35 inches against an average of 68.20 inches—deficit 8.85 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	88
Pratas Island	81
Manila	81
Macao	81
Foochow	82
Amoy	81
Chefoo	76
Shanghai	81

Charged with Larceny of a Topee.

A Chinese youth, attired in European clothing and wearing an open-neck shirt, appeared before Mr. Schofield this morning in the Central Police Court charged with the larceny of a topee from a member of the Chinese Bathing Club at North Point.

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His Worship fixed the hearing for Tuesday, September 1, at 2.30 p.m. and granted bail in the sum of \$50.

VICTORIA STREET BURGLARY.

Inmates Bound and Gagged.

\$977 LIFTED.

Four men, armed with a revolver and two daggers, participated in a robbery at 1, Victoria Street in the early hours of yesterday.

The affair was reported to the Police by Cheung Chu-kau, master of the Chik Kee fish stall, Central Market, who stated that whilst he and nine employees were asleep, they were awakened by the sound of two men entering the premises. Two others followed and soon all the inmates were overpowered, bound, and gagged. The floor was ransacked by the robbers, who decamped with money and jewellery to the total value of \$977.35.

LONE TEA HUT OUTRAGE.

Master Bound and Gagged.

TILL EMPTIED.

Under the pretext that they were cake vendors, two men forced their entrance to a lonely tea hut in Lok Ma Chau, New Territory, at three o'clock yesterday morning.

Cheung Chung-san, master of the tea hut, who was the only inmate at the time, told the Police that he heard a knock at the door, and at the same moment a voice shouted—"Buy cakes!" He opened the door and two men entered.

Seizing Cheung by the throat, the intruders proceeded to bind and gag their victim. They searched the hut, and stole \$4.40 in money and an electric torch valued at \$1.

PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM

RESPECTABLE CHINESE YOUTH.

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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"TAILOR MADE MAN."

Be optimistic and spend one's money, especially other people's money, seems to be William Haines's slogan in his picture, "A Tailor Made Man," now showing at the Queen's Theatre. As John Paul Bart, the pants presser with ambition" William Haines creates an uproarious role in his impersonation of a business magnate, using one man's clothes and another man's ideas.

Not satisfied with life as a tailor's hand Bart seizes his opportunity, and incidentally a dress suit belonging to a customer, and crashes his way into high society. Here he meets the Colossus of business, Abraham Nathan, and, won over by Bart's ideas, Nathan takes Bart into his business.

It is a moot point whether Bart's scheme for salvaging the business during the great trade depression would be of any use, but there is little doubt that it makes a good plot for a motion picture. On the screen all plots work out aright, with the result that Nathan's great department store instead of going into liquidation, leaps to prosperity, with John Bart the man of the hour.

Supporting William Haines in this screaming comedy are Dorothy Jordan, Joseph Cawthorpe, William Austin, Ian Keith and many other well-known favourites.

A "Flip the Frog" cartoon and an interesting newsreel complete the programme.

"MONTANA MOON."

A splendid cast, headed by Joan Crawford and John Mack Brown, and which includes Dorothy Sebastian, Ricardo Cortez, Karl Dane, Benny Rubin, Cliff Edwards, and Lloyd Ingraham, is seen in M-G-M's talkie film "Montana Moon," which is having a run at the Star Theatre, having been screened in the Queen's Theatre in November last.

The picture was directed by Mr. Malcolm St. Clair and most of the scenes are shot in Montana's picturesque surroundings. The story is a farce, and tells of the romance of a New York society girl, who, tired of city life, leaves for the hills and becomes the wife of a hardened cowboy. However, good acting on the part of Miss Crawford makes the plot a little more convincing. She sings "The Moon Is Low."

Benny Rubin as the Doctor, and Cliff Edwards as Froggy, supply a full measure of fun, whilst Karl Dane and a bunch of cowpunchers provide the jollity.

In support of the attraction, there is shown an amusing Charley Chase comedy entitled "The Real McCoy."

From Other Sources.

"THE LAWYER'S SECRET."

Three motion picture favourites who have received popular acclaim have had their names billed in lights on theatres all over the world and are under star contracts to Paramount, join forces in Paramount's production of the James Hilly Finn story, "The Lawyer's Secret", now showing at the King's Theatre, to portray the dramatic characters of the tense drama.

The three leading players in "The Lawyer's Secret" are Clive Brook, recently starred with Tallulah Bankhead in "Tarnished Lady," Charles Rogers, the juvenile star

who, in "The Lawyer's Secret," graduates into dramatics, and Richard Arlen, star of many gripping Westerns.

In the feminine roles the cast contains two well-known names, Fay Wray and Jean Arthur, both of whom have carried leading-lady honours in many Paramount pictures. Fay Wray's fame was built in two Gary Cooper pictures, "The First Kiss" and "The Texan." She carried the chief feminine role in Eric von Stroheim's "The Wedding March," and is well-liked among theatre patrons everywhere. Jean Arthur's most important work was done in the "Fu Manchu" thrillers, in which she played with Neil Hamilton.

"The Lawyer's Secret" is an intense drama based on the ethics of the legal profession which compels a lawyer to respect his client's confidences, whether or not they conflict with his duty as a man. Brook, as the lawyer, is faced with necessity of hiding Roger's complicity in a killing for which Arlen is tried for his life. The plot of the story is swift, and direct, and presents a social problem in an exciting way.

In addition to the top-notchers in the cast, a group of competent supporting players carry the exciting character parts of the story. Francis McDonald, the suave villain of "Dangerous Paradise" and "The Gang Buster"; Sid Saylor, seen with Ruth Chatterton in "Unfaithful" as a roistering sailor; Wilber Mack, Harold Goodwin, Lawrence LaMarr and Robert Perry are in the group.

"FAIR WARNING."

Action is the key-note in "Fair Warning." Fox Movietone's great outdoor romance with George O'Brien in the leading role, coming to the Central Theatre to-day. The picture starts with a thrill and one exacting episode follows another until the climax is reached.

O'Brien portrays the character of a primitive, but handsome young man who has an uncanny influence over wild animals. Louise Huntington, New York stage beauty, portrays the role of the girl and the supporting cast, headed by Mitchell Harris, George Brent and Nat Pendleton, includes Erwin Connally, John Sheehan, Willard Robertson and Alphonse Ethier.

"Fair Warning" is based on Max Brand's widely read thriller, "The Untamed" and Ernest L. Pascal, noted dramatist and author, made the adaptation and wrote the dialogue. The picture was directed by Alfred L. Werker.

"TARNISHED LADY."

In what was something of a quick change record, Tallulah Bankhead, London's sensational popular American stage actress who makes her motion picture debut in "Tarnished Lady" with Clive Brook, donned six different costumes.

Much favourable criticism has

come for as many scenes during one day of work on the filming of the picture.

Each sequence acted during the day was short and filled with action. Together they depicted the gradual financial decline of Miss Bankhead as the heroine of the picture. The change, both of scenery and costume, were as follows: A tailored blue suit and fur scarf for a hat shop scene where she applies for employment; a blue silk dress for a scene in which she appears as a department store sales girl; a nightgown for a scene in a dingy flat; a grey dress for a night shot in her small apartment; a checked suit with a polo coat and patent leather belt for a street scene.

An idea of the number, and variety of costumes worn in the modern photoplay is gleaned from the clothing list of Tallulah Bankhead for "Tarnished Lady." This picture, which the King's Theatre will feature next, runs the whole fashion gamut, from the cheap little black and white trimmed sales girl costume to the \$6,000 cable costume which the star wears when meeting her new Rolls Royce for the first time. The in-between costumes range from silk to wool and the fur pieces from silver fox to flying squirrel.

A few of the models were made by a style expert in Paris especially for Miss Bankhead's use. Some of them were designed by famous Paris couturiers. Still others were fashioned in New York by Manhattan's leading designers.

In addition to the costumes worn by Miss Bankhead, four of America's most famous mannikins are seen in the picture wearing original fashion creations. The girls, all of whose images have graced the pages of the more fashionable magazines, are Marian Moorehouse, Eric Newman, Delmar Myrick and Bee Sheldon. Slim, graceful, apparently born to wear clothes these girls parade in the clothing salon sequence of "Tarnished Lady."

"HONOUR AMONG LOVERS."

One of the very few screen actresses who can laugh and talk simultaneously is Miss Claudette Colbert. The compliment is paid her by sound technicians who recorded on the new noiseless equipment at Paramount's New York studio, "Honour Among Lovers," in which she is featured with Fredric March and which opens on Wednesday at the Central Theatre.

The new picture was directed by Dorothy Arzner from an Austin Parker story. It is a modern romantic drama of a beautiful girl secretary, madly in love with a man of inferior character, and who discovers the man who deserves her affection, in a dramatic decision, spurning for the moment proposals which embrace everything but marriage.

Much favourable criticism has

been directed toward the suave and flippant dialogue which is handled through the plot. The settings are luxurious; the love moments intensively fascinating.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:

5.7 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

7.8.25 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.05-7.20 p.m.—Waltzes: The Sidewalks of New York (Introducing "The Bowery") in the Good Old Summer Time (Evans).

Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra (21498). Moonlight on the Alster (Fetras). Siren of the Bell (Léhar-Schott).

Mark Weber & His Orchestra (35852).

7.20-7.38 p.m.—Organ Solos: Rosette.

For Old Times' Sake: Jesse Crawford (21503). Little Pal: Jessie Crawford (21051).

Why Can't You? Jessie Crawford (21051). Medley of Old English Airs: Charles O'Connell (21522).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.38-8.25 p.m.—A Concert: Piano Solo.

Turkish March (Beethoven), Sergei Rachmaninoff (1196).

Song—La Zagulina (Duarte-Tabuyo).

You Little Black Eyes (de Castro-de Falla).

Marguerite D'Alvarez, Mezzo-Soprano (1139).

Violin Solo—At Evening (Friml), Letter of Love (Gul-Elman), Mischa Elman (1180).

Song—Pain of Love (Buzzi-Pecchia), The Darling Girl (Buzzi-Pecchia), Tito Schipa, Tenor (1180).

Piano Solo—Invitation to the Waltz (Weber), Alfred Cortot (1201).

Song—Carceleras (Chapi), Madam Amelia Galli-Curci, Soprano (1167).

Violin Solo—Albumblatt—Marguerite (Rachmaninoff-Kreisler), Fritz Kreisler (1170).

Song—Don Juan's Serenade (Tschaikowsky), My Love (Blitz).

Enrico Caruso, Tenor (513).

8.25-10.27 p.m.—Second Programme of Records kindly loaned from Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith's Collection. (A Third Programme from this source will be broadcast on August 31).

8.25-8.45 p.m.—Pianoforte.

Fugue in A Minor (Bach-Liszt), Lucie Caffarelli (Brugs 80032).

(a) Minuet Nos. 1 & 2: (Bach).

(b) Gigue (Bach).

Harold Samuel (H.M.V. D1246).

Sevilla (Albeniz) Navarra (Albeniz), Arthur Rubinstein (H.M.V. DB1267).

8.45-9.15 p.m.—Variety.

Male Quintettes—

(a) Just Like a Butterfly, (b) Sweet Marie, The Singing Sophomores (Col. 4690).

Humorous Dialogue—The 4th Form at St. Michael's, Ian Hay and Pupils (Col. 9689).

Vocal Duets—(a) Dear, on a Night Like This, (b) Who's That Knocking at My Door? Layton & Johnstone (Col. 4737).

A Visit to the Zoo, Conducted by Leslie Maitland (Recorded in the Zoological Gardens, London) (H.M.V. B3449).

9.15-9.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Vocal—Why Should I Feel Lonely, Geo. Grossmith with Daly's Theatre Orchestra (Col. 4886).

Piano Medley—Mr. Cinders—

Billy Mayerl (Col. 5386).

Selection—Good News.

Victor Arden—Phil Ohman and their Orchestra (Vic. 35018).

9.30-10.04 p.m.—Orchestra.

Ruy Blas—Overture (Mendelssohn), Percy Pitt Conducting the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (Col. 9278).

Praeludium (Jarnfeldt).

Berceuse (Jarnfeldt).

The Royal Opera Orchestra (H.M.V. B2618).

3rd Movement Poco Allegretto from 3rd Symphony (Brahms).

Philadelphia Symphony Orch. (Vic. 6388-89).

Tone Poem—The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Dukas).

Philharmonic Symphony Orch. of New York (Vic. 7021).

10.04-10.27 p.m.—Operatic.

Overture—The Bartered Bride (Smetana).

State Opera Orchestra, Berlin (H.M.V. E465).

Arias from "Die Fledermaus" (Strauss).

Act 2—My Lord Marquis,

Act 3—I'll Play the Innocent

Country Maid, Elizabeth Schumann, Soprano (H.M.V. E458).

Two Excerpts from "Carmen" (Bizet).

(a) Soldiers Changing the Guard,

(b) March of the Smugglers

Philadelphia Symphony Orch. (Vic. 6874).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre;

"The Lawyer's Secret."

To-day—Queen's Theatre;

"A Tailor-Made Man."

To-day—Central Theatre;

"Fair Warning."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"With Byrd At The South Pole."

To-day—Star Theatre;

"Montana Moon."

Lammert's Auctions.

To-morrow—At Sales Room,

household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow—at King's Silk

Store, 1c, D'Aguilar Street, stock-

in-trade, 10 a.m.

Meetings.

August 31—Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., P. & O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

August 31—Hong Kong Develop-

ment Building and Savings Society,

City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for Europe

via Siberia (Hiya Maru), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Lon-

don (Nankin).

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Concert.

August 28—Promenade Concert,

Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

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KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN GOING STRONG

Glorious weather favoured the closing stages of the Lawn Bowls League Championships on Saturday, when seven matches were satisfactorily concluded.

It was indeed a day of surprises in Division I—both the leaders failing in their away fixtures. The Kowloon Cricket Club players awaited with anxiety the result of the TAIKOO-Craigengower match after their own defeat at the hands of the Civil Servants. Craigengower, however, obliged and the Kowloon Cricket Club carried off the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League for the first time in the history of the Club.

The overwhelming defeat of A. E. Silksone's rink provided the sensation of the new champions' last match of the season. Hollidge's rink started off with a six at the first head but held a lead of only one at the tenth head. From the tenth head, however, the home rink went right ahead to gain the third highest rink victory of the afternoon. A. O. Brown's rink had a lead of ten at the sixteenth head but a seven, the only one registered in the afternoon, at the seventeenth head placed J. Fraser's rink on fighting terms but they were pipped at the post by the narrow margin of one shot.

R. Bass's rink held a lead up to the sixth head, but consistent scoring in the next four heads backed up by a five at the twelfth head, gave J. Ferguson's rink an advantage which they never lost hold of in the all-important Craigengower-TAIKOO match.

G. C. Silva's rink established an early lead against L. Guy's rink in the Recreio-Bowling Green duel and registered the highest win in their own particular match. Leading by three shots at the sixteenth head Silva's rink placed the game beyond doubt with a five at the next head.

The Kowloon Bowling Green inflicted a heavy defeat on the Recreio in Division II and as a result are now in an impregnable position at the head of the table. There is only one way which will bring about the sharing of spoils—if the Bowling Green lose and TAIKOO win their last match of the season. A replay under those conditions would then be necessary.

A. W. E. Davidson's rink registered the highest rink victory of the afternoon when in opposition to F. Silva's rink. It was a clear case of a win from the first head, and only a five at the fourth head took away the monotony of three shot victories per head. W. S. Drake's rink comfortably defeated F. Ribeiro's rink after a six at the sixteenth head.

W. Bickford's rink made a splendid recovery against V. C. Labrum's rink in the K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C. match and snatched a dramatic victory as the result of consistent play on the last three heads. Down two shots at the eighteenth head Bickford's rink returned scores of 6, 1, and 3 to win comfortably. F. G. Heridge's rink played well in the early stages and as the result of a five at the ninth head they held a lead of thirteen shots. They were unable to hold and in the end to be content with a six shots victory.

Holding a lead of thirteen shots at the eighth head R. K. Duncan's rink added further to their laurels at the seventeenth head when they scored a five, but A. L. de Souza's rink went down by only five shots after a most interesting struggle against great odds in the Craigengower-TAIKOO match. D. Munro's rink held an advantage of eight shots at the thirteenth head, but H. V. Pearce's rink made a gallant reply with a six at the next head, and on this lead hinged their victory.

W. Macfarlane's rink, however, put up a valiant play and registered the highest win. Victory of the afternoon went to the Civil Service who defeated A. V. G. Peacock's rink in the final match of the day in the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Scores:

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.					
League I.					
TAIKOO R.C.	58	Craigengower			
Civil Service	72	Kowloon C.C.			
Recreio	64	K.B.G.C.			
	59				
League II.					
TAIKOO R.C.	60	(Skip) ... 24			
Craigengower	62	G. McLeod			
Kowloon C.C.	62	S. Amery			
Club de Recreio	34	R. Wallace			
K.B.G.C.	64	(Skip) ... 14			
Electric R.C.	60	D. Peoples			
	61	J. Folson			
LEAGUE TABLES.					
Division I.					
P. W. D. L. Pts.					
TAIKOO R.C.	14	11	0	3	22
Kowloon C.C.	13	9	0	4	18
Craigengower	13	9	0	4	18
Club de Recreio	14	7	0	7	14
K.B.G.C.	13	6	0	7	12
Kowloon Dock R.C.	13	6	0	7	12
Police R.C.	14	6	0	8	12
	14	0	0	14	0
Shots For and Against.					
For Agst. Up Dn.					
TAIKOO R.C.	829	658	141	0	
Craigengower	790	677	113	0	
Kowloon C.C.	815	790	55	0	
Club de Recreio	732	730	2	0	
Kowloon Dock R.C.	740	742	0	17	
Kowloon B.G.C.	793	827	0	35	
Civil Service C.C.	731	756	0	64	
Police R.C.	683	906	0	223	
Division II.					
P. W. D. L. Pts.					
TAIKOO R.C.	13	10	1	2	21
Kowloon C.C.	13	9	1	3	19
Craigengower	12	7	0	5	14
Club de Recreio	13	7	0	6	14
Kowloon B.G.C.	12	6	0	6	12
Yacht Club	12	4	2	6	10
Civil Service C.C.	12	4	0	8	8
Electric R.C.	12	1	0	11	2
Shots For and Against.					
For Agst. Up Dn.					
TAIKOO R.C.	556	652	204	0	
Kowloon R.C.	668	668	202	0	
Kowloon C.C.	745	688	55	0	
Club de Recreio	758	775	0	19	
Yacht Club	658	681	0	23	
Craigengower	740	780	0	40	
Civil Service C.C.	645	724	0	75	
Electric R.C.	545	849	0	304	

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

BASEBALL — To-day — Exhibition Game (Yuet Shau Baseball Team v. Japanese).

FENCING — To-day — H.K. Fencing Club Meet at 5.15 p.m.

1. A.W.N. BOWLS — Saturday — First Division — TAIKOO R.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Second Division — Hong Kong Electric R.C. v. Club de Recreio; Kowloon C.C. v. TAIKOO R.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. v. Yacht Club.

RECREIO v. KOWLOON B.G.C.

On their own green, the Club de Recreio defeated the Kowloon Bowling Green by 9 shots.

Scores:

Recreio.	Bowling Green.
A. Gomes	S. Eccleshall
R. Roberts	G. Sherriff
L. Souza	H. Nish
R. Luz	W. Russell
	(Skip) ... 21
C. Basto	(Skip) ... 16
A. H. Basto	G. Chambers
A. E. Marquez	T. Ferguson
L. Gutierrez	Z. West
	(Skip) ... 17
Dr. R. Basto	D. F. Warren
C. Lopes	C. N. Mitchell
A. C. Ribeiro	R. S. Nichol
C. G. Silva	E. W. L. Hobbin
	(Skip) ... 26
	(Skip) ... 16
	64

League II.

CRAIGENGOWER v. TAIKOO R.C.

The TAIKOO R.C. defeated the Craigengower Cricket Club by 8 shots on the latter's green.

Scores:

Craigengower	TAIKOO R.C.
F. Flinner	S. Hope
G. Nisbet	W. Cunningham
W. White	D. Spains
P. Dixon	R. M. Keown
	(Skip) ... 16
D. K. Kharas	J. Watson
B. A. Trotter	T. Whyte
P. K. Modl	T. Young
H. V. Pearce	D. Munro
	(Skip) ... 19
G. Lang	W. Brown
R. Hooper	T. Swan
W. Ward	W. Bell
A. L. de Souza	R. K. Duncan
	(Skip) ... 22
	52

KOWLOON C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club by 7 shots.

Scores:

Kowloon C.C.	Civil Service
J. Chadwick	N. Babington
F. Harrison	J. Willmott
T. W. Cart	L. Luck
W. G. Lanthin	W. Blackford
	(Skip) ... 18
O. G. Pavan	F. Knight
V. S. Danner	C. T. Strange
J. W. Jack	R. K. Davies
F. G. Herring	W. E. Holland
	(Skip) ... 18
	18

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HELEN WILLS WINS U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP.

Surprise Defeat of Betty Nuthall.

HOLDER ERRATIC.

Forrest Hills, Yesterday. Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody (U.S.A.) to-day won the American Ladies' Singles Championship when she defeated Mrs. Whittingstall (Britain) 6-4, 6-1.

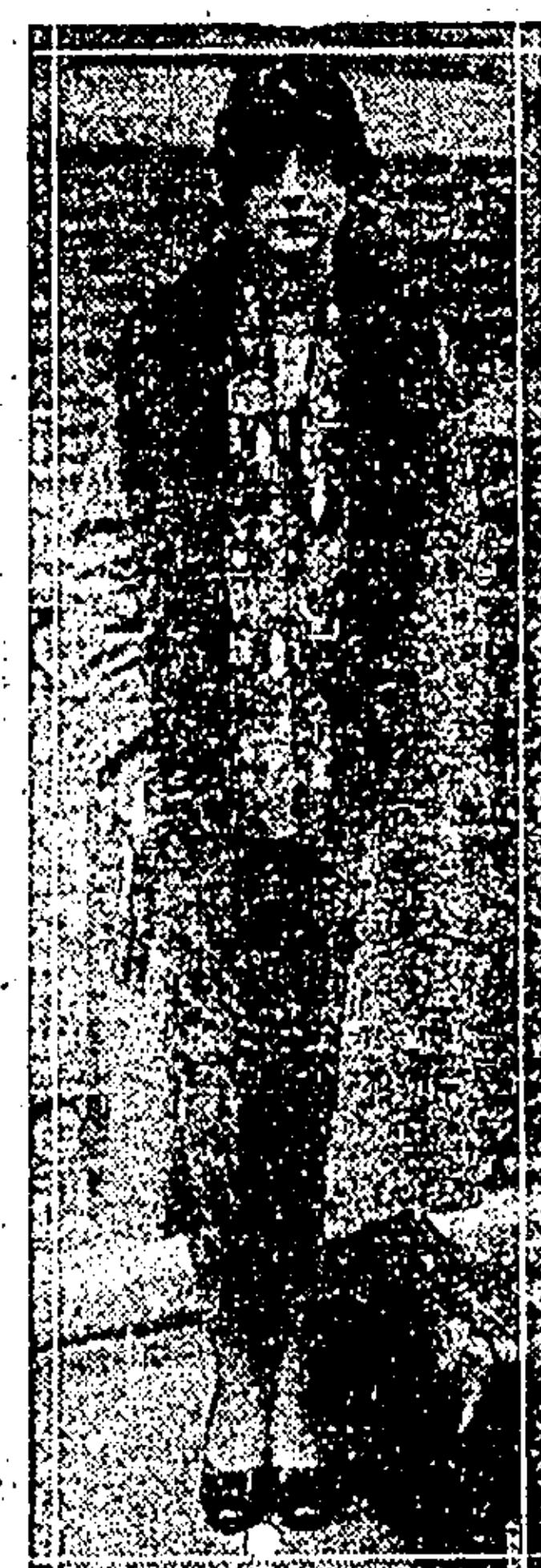
In the semi-final rounds Mrs. Whittingstall (Britain) beat Miss Betty Nuthall (Britain) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, and Mrs. Wills-Moody (U.S.A.) beat Miss Mudford (Britain) 6-2, 6-4.

Betty Nuthall, the holder, caused a surprise when she went down before Mrs. Whittingstall, although it must be remembered that Mrs. Whittingstall beat her at Ealing earlier in the year.

Betty appeared to be completely outplayed in the first set, her driving was faulty and she found the net with monotonous regularity. Mrs. Whittingstall, on the other hand, displayed beautifully timed ground strokes.

The loser made a thrilling comeback in the second set, serving powerfully and sending over devastating back-handers, and generally outplayed her rival.

Mrs. Whittingstall became erratic but recovered in the third set to take a lead at 4-1 as the result of her hard and accurate driving.



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Baseball Championship
Hopes Dashed.
RUFFIN PITCHES WELL.

What little hope the U.S.S. Helena had of running away with championship honours in the Baseball League for the current season were dashed to the ground on Saturday when they met the Hong Kong Baseball Club on the Navy Field, Caroline Hill, and were beaten by the large margin of 10 runs to 3.

Local ball fans were provided with plenty of thrills and it did the supporters of the Baseball Club a world of good to see "Big Boy" Ruffin turn out for them again. He and Thompson formed a very formidable battery, one which spelt many an anxious moment for the Helena outfit.

Benny Zafra, the "Babe Ruth" of the local diamond, provided a thrill with a beautiful homer which sailed well over centre field. It was a dandy bang and one which had the sailors' centre field beaten from the very moment Benny's club connected.

Shellenberger, the sailors' pitching ace, was entirely off colour and showed visible signs of staleness. He was very erratic and coupled with the fact that the fielding left much to be desired, the sailors contributed very largely to "Mr. Error's" big total.

The locals were the first to bat, and their effort produced four runs. This gave them a clear lead of 4-0 as the sailors were blanked out when it came to their turn to bat. The next innings saw both sides scoring two runs each, and after the locals were blanked out in the third, the sailors made one to bring the score to 6-3 in favour of the Club. From this point onwards, the sailors could not get going, and making two runs each in the fifth and sixth innings respectively, the H.K. Club giants won by the comfortable margin of 10-3.

The line ups were as follows:

H.K.B.C. U.S.S. Helena

Ruffin P. Shellenberger

Thompson C. Majka

Lawrence 1 B Jones

Campbell 2 B Horton

UNITED WIN BUT
DUNDEE LOSE.Rangers Win Whilst
Celtic Draw.

WIN FOR HEARTS.

London, Saturday.

The following were the results in to-day's First Division Scottish League football programme as cabled by Reuter:

Aberdeen	1	Celtic	1
Clyde	3	Airdrieonians	2
Dundee Un.	3	Partick T.	1
Falkirk	2	Cowdenbeath	2
Hamilton A.	6	Dundee	2
Kilmarnock	1	Motherwell	0
Leith	4	Ayr	1
Morton	1	Hearts	3
Queen's Park	1	Third Lanark	3
Rangers	4	St. Mirren	0

BRITISH WOMEN
TRIUMPH.Narrow Victory Over
Germany.

Hanover, Yesterday. England won the Anglo-German Women's Athletic Meeting here to-day by 53 points to 47.—Reuter.

O'Corner	3 B	Lawer
Thach	S.S.	Thurman
D. Leonard	L.F.	Firke
Zafra	C.F.	Thompson
T. Leonard	R.F.	Schilling

Bauer sub. for Helena.

Score by innings:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Tot.
H.K.B.C.	4	2	0	0	2	2	10
Helena	0	2	1	0	0	0	3

SOUTH CHINA BEAT THE
ATHLETIC.Overwhelming Victory in
Yesterday's Game.

The South China Athletic Club easily defeated the Chinese Athletic yesterday in a League match by 15 runs to 3. The pitching of Ed. Chang was the feature of the match and was entirely responsible for the low scoring of the Athletes.

Score by innings:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
South China	0	0	6	0	3	5	15
Chinese Ath.	0	0	1	0	0	2	3

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The following were the prize winners:

Boys, 6 and 7:—Daniel Ray,

1; Wirren Kelley, 2; Jimmy Cocks, 3.

Girls, 6 and 7:—Evelyn Rousseau, 1; Jean Spence, 2; Esther Burtt, 3.

Boys, 8 to 10:—Helmut Sauer,

1; Gaylor Kelley, 2; Derek Cocks, 3.

Girls, 8 to 10:—Doreen Watson, 1; Ruth Mitchell, 2; Puge Rankin, 3.

Boys 11 to 13:—George Kelly,

SWIMMING.

Hong Kong Lose in
Shameen.

RESULTS OF CONTESTS.

Canton, Saturday. In the swimming contest at Shameen on Saturday night, Shameen defeated Hong Kong by 31 points to 16½.

Results:

50 Yards—Rasmussen (Canton)	1; Penfield (Canton)	2; R.
Witchell (Hong Kong)	3	Witchell

High Dive—Sterling (Canton)	1; Brokenshire (Hong Kong)	2;
Brander (Canton)	3	Brander

Free Style—Rasmussen (Canton)	1; E. Railton (Hong Kong)	2;
Wooster (Canton)	3	Wooster

2 lengths.	2 lengths.	2 lengths.
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Back Stroke—Penfield (Canton)	1; Paget (Hong Kong)	2;
Wooler (Canton)	3	Wooler

4 lengths.	4 lengths.	4 lengths.
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Team Race—Canton	1; Railton (Hong Kong)	2;
Water Polo—Draw	3	Water Polo

all. N. Railton (Hong Kong)	4	all. N. Railton
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Rasmussen	2; Frost (Canton)	1
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41; Frost (Canton)	40	41; Frost
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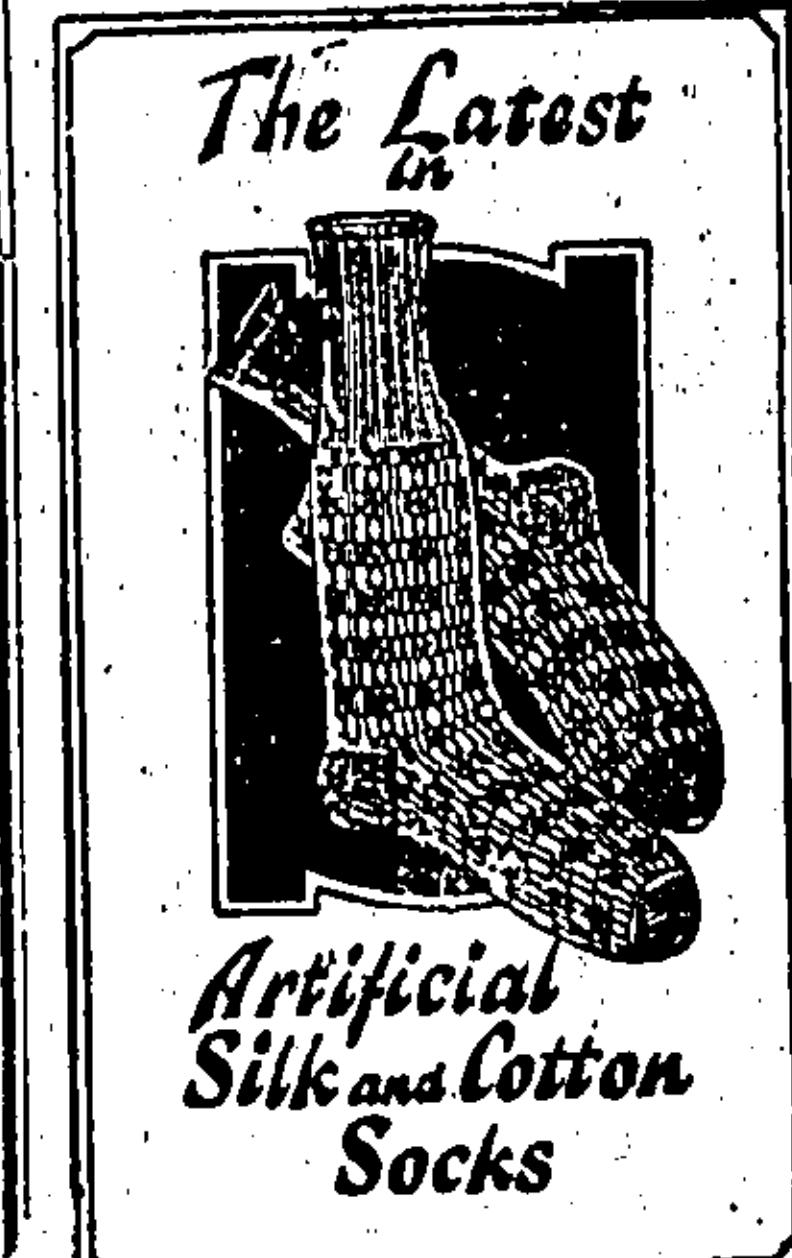
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Burma and Separation.

The cable announcing that the British Government had decided to convene a Burma Round Table Conference, specifically to consider the Constitution for Burma, when that land of Peacocks and Pagodas becomes divorced from India, will be received with great pleasure and satisfaction in that land.

The agitation for separation has been going on for many years. It has all along been held that India has treated Burma as a Cinderella Province, and the backgrounds of the country, as a whole, has been attributed to the machinations of Simla and Delhi.

India, the Burmese say, has prospered and waxed strong at Burma's expense. And it is also maintained that, in a host of cases, the interests of Burma have been subordinated, if not sacrificed, to India's interests.

In 1928, immediately before and again during the tour of the Simon Commission, or Indian Statutory Commission, the agitation for separation was pursued with increased vigour, and, almost without exception, witnesses, before Sir John Simon and his colleagues, made strong representation for separation.

The Indian, with his frugality, almost approaching to miserliness, his longer vision and bania or money-making instinct, was a formidable competitor. Against him the Burman had no chance. The Indian has had it all his own way in Burma for many, many years. He has established himself in every walk of life, dug himself in, and entrenched himself strongly in the economic life of the country.

In recent years, however, the Burman seems to have roused himself from somnambulism, seems to have awakened to the fact that he stands in jeopardy in his own land. And with this realisation has come the development in him of a spirit of patriotism and of independence. He has now put his shoulders to the wheel and made up much leeway and rapidly evened up the balance. There is much yet for him

Indian financiers and others, fearing their rights would be jeopardised in a self-governing Burma, were for a long while nervous and suspicious of the movement. Even to-day all fear and distrust have not been removed, but they have been considerably lessened.

For the exploitation of Burma by Indian financiers and Indian labour, the Burman is largely to blame. His love of play, rather than of work has been his undoing. Perhaps it is truer to say his attitude to work and play has been his undoing. The Burman is not the lazy fellow he has been made out to be. He is no more lazy than another. What has told severely against him in the past, and is telling upon him to-day, is his psychological attitude in the matter of work and play.

He has, hitherto, worked just to keep things going. Once his immediate desires are satisfied, he ceases to work and proceeds to enjoy himself until he finds it necessary to do a spot of work in order to enable him to enjoy himself again. Also, frugality is not one of his strong points.

His love of finery and ornamentation, in fact, his love of a good time, and a really slap-dash good time, do not encourage thrift. He has, hitherto, lived literally, from hand to mouth, but with this difference: his handfuls were handfuls of the best.

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to do and he will yet do it. The progress he has made augurs well for the future—his future. And the separation of Burma, when and if it materialises, will give him opportunity, not only to bring himself to the front and place himself on a par with others, but prove his worth. That he will not be found wanting is the fervent hope of all Burma's well-wishers.

Mail Commentary.

National Economy.

"Public economy is important in any country, but in Britain it is vital." This is the opening sentence of a manifesto issued, just a month ago, by "The Friends of Economy." Among the many signatories to the manifesto are Lord Aberconway, Sir Ernest Benn, Col. John Buchan, Mr. Harold Cox, Sir Hubert Gough, the Earl of Inchcape, the Very Rev. W. R. Inge and Mr. Walter Runciman.

The "Friends" contend that Britain not being self-supporting in the matter of food, a financial collapse means certain starvation for the people. They accuse the Government of "sheer public extravagance," and say that Britain's position could be secured by the adoption of simple policy—that no new public expense, however small or however tempting, must be undertaken for the time being.

A definite halt in this orgy of spending, in which all parties are involved, is demanded.

Concluding they say:—

"Our appeal to the nation is simply that having tried everything else, and having arrived at the point of disaster, we should, with good will and determination, apply the last and only remedy open to us—the practice of public economy."

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Buddha's Search for Truth.

A great deal has been heard of Buddha recently, and a great deal more is likely to be heard of that delightful land and delightful people in the immediate future.

Here is a pleasing story, oft times told in Burma, of Buddha, the Enlightened One, whom the Burmans reverence so greatly and worship so fervently.

Buddha, who was really a great Prince named Gautama, had long searched for Truth, but failing to find it became disheartened. He was returning to his palace very despondent, when he saw a squirrel trying to drain a big lake by dipping its tail into the water and then shaking it on the land.

"What are you doing?" asked the Prince, and the squirrel, who was really Saky, the King of the Spirits of the Air, answered, "I am trying to drain the lake."

"Why you can never do that," said Buddha, "the lake is so big and your tail is so small."

"Ah," said the squirrel, "I am not so easily discouraged as Prince Gautama. He is giving up the search for Truth already, although he has sought it only in a wood."

The Prince learnt his lesson, and never ceased searching for Truth till he found it and became Buddha, the Enlightened One.

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Britain's War Creditors.

In view of the financial crises at Home and in various other countries, and in view of the Hoover Plan, the following statement (authoritative) of the inter-Governmental payments due to His Majesty's Government will be found interesting:—

Germany (Reparations) \$14,442,000

France (War Debt and Hague Annuity) 13,814,000

Italy (War Debt and Hague Annuity) 4,471,000

Belgium (Hague Annuity and Reconstruction Loan) 1,042,000

Romania (War Debt, Relief Debt and Repatriation of Prisoners of War) 469,000

Portugal (War Debt) 350,000

Jugoslavia (War Debt and Relief Debt) 450,000

Greece (War Debt and Loan for Stores) 361,000

Poland (Relief Debt, Repatriation of Prisoners of War and Cost of Occupation of Upper Silesia Plebiscite Area) 600,000

Estonia (Relief Debt and Loan for Stores) 70,000

Austria (Relief Debt) 107,000

Latvia (Loan for Stores and Repatriation of Prisoners of War) 75,000

Lithuania (Loan for Stores and Cost of Occupation of Plebiscite Area) 33,000

Czecho-Slovakia (Repatriation of Prisoners of War) 106,000

Australia (War Debt) 3,920,000

New Zealand (War Debt) 1,746,000

South Africa (War Debt) 337,000

Newfoundland (War Debt) 21,000

Trinidad (War Debt) 28,000

Jamaica (War Debt) 3,000

India (War Contribution) 836,000

WEDDING.
Missionaries United in Matrimony.

FRASER—CHESWORTH.

A wedding of particular interest in the mission field, was solemnised in the Wesleyan Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Violet Mary Chesworth, of Fatshan, became the bride of Dr. Neil Duncan Fraser, of Swatow. The Rev. F. Brewster officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by the Revd. J. C. Knight Anstey, looked charming in a dress of white net and lace. She carried a bouquet of white flowers. The Matron of Honour, Mrs. Knight Anstey, was attired in a dress of blue figured chiffon, and wore a gray and blue hat.

After a reception, the happy couple left for their honeymoon, the bride's travelling dress being of beige lace and georgette. She wore a green hat and beige shoes, and carried a green bag.

All the dresses were executed by Eve, Gloucester Building Arcade.

DR. LUIZ FRANCO.

Death of Octogenarian Portuguese.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of Dr. Luiiz L. Franco, whose death at the age of 82 years occurred at his residence in Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon, on Saturday afternoon, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

The deceased was a military doctor, served in the Portuguese army both in Timor and Macao and retired with the rank of Captain. Following his retirement, Dr. Franco with friends organised the Farmacia Popular in the Largo de Senado, Macao, and later formed another establishment under the name of Farmacia Dr. Luiiz Franco Cia. With his family he came and settled in Hong Kong at the age of 66 years. He is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters, besides a number of grandchildren.

Douglas Gifford was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court this morning to face four charges of false pretences. Accused pleaded "guilty" to all charges, and admitted two previous convictions. Six months' hard labour was imposed.

In

fetching his bed from a cock-loft at 176 Des Voeux Road Central, a barber named Chan Shek-san (18), accidentally slipped and fell to the ground, fracturing his skull. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, but died at 2.35 o'clock this morning.

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FAMINE STALKS IN HANKOW

10,000 Perish in the Floods.

TERRIBLE SCENES.

Hankow, Saturday. Reuter's special correspondent yesterday toured the native city of Hankow and found the water to be ten, twelve and fifteen feet deep in different parts. The present water mark is 53 feet four inches, with floods still rising. All travelling is by sampan, junk, and motor boat.

Thousands of one-storeyed houses are submerged by the floods, and collapses continue hourly.

The military authorities have forcibly removed thousands of refugees from roofs, but thousands still remain, stunned by the disaster, and apathetically awaiting their fate.

It is a serious fact that superstition holds thousands in its grip. They are convinced that Hankow is doomed, and refuse to help themselves, or be helped, merely awaiting death.

Chaos and Famine.

The native areas of Hankow and Wuchang are places of misery, desolation, and death. At least 10,000 people have perished since the floods overwhelmed the cities, and 400,000 are homeless, and destitute.

Dysentery and typhoid are claiming many victims daily, and the doctors believe that when the floods subside probably in September, serious epidemics must rage.

So far no apparent progress has been made in feeding the multitude of starving destitutes. There is chaos on every hand, and suffering and disaster beyond description. Very little food is procurable, and there are no vegetables. The threat of famine becomes more serious daily. Immediate relief is required to save the thousands of lives. It is a stupendous task which cannot be organised locally.—Reuter.

Chiang Thanks America.

Nanking, Saturday. President Chiang Kai-shek cabled to-day the following message to President Hoover:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of August 18. I am deeply moved by the friendly concern aroused in the United States by the flood disasters in China and in my name and the name of the Chinese nation I thank you and the people of America, sincerely for your expressions of sympathy for the sufferings of our people.

The Spanish Minister, Senor Garrido, telegraphed to Dr. C. T. Wang yesterday, expressing sympathy in the flood disasters on behalf of himself and the Diplomatic Body.—Sinowex Service.

FIGHTING FORCES OF BRITAIN.

Details of Material and Personnel.

MEMO TO GENEVA.

London, Saturday. According to particulars now disclosed of the British memorandum, recently forwarded to Geneva, detailing the material and personnel of existing armaments and the expenditure thereon, the total outlay on the British Navy, Army and Air Force is £108,000,000, just under £50,000,000 of which relates to naval expenditure. The amount does not include pensions. Military returns do not include Colonial Government forces, of which returns will be made very soon. Though the number does not exceed a few thousands of pounds the Dominions and India make their own returns to Geneva.

The return shows the importance Government attaches to the principle of budgetary control as an instrument for disarmament. It is emphasised that the figures presented are unrelated to the proposals which Government will submit to the Disarmament Conference in 1932. No discussion of policy is contained in the memorandum.—Reuter.

ANOTHER TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

Two Young Germans and a Portuguese.

LISBON TO NEW YORK.

Berlin, Saturday.

Two young German airmen, Rody and Johnsen, accompanied by a Portuguese mechanic, left Tempelhof Aerodrome at 7 o'clock this morning for Lisbon, from where they will attempt a trans-Atlantic flight to New York.

They are flying a three hundred horsepower Junker's monoplane.—Reuter.

HONG KONG DOLLAR

High Rate of Premium in Canton.

SPECULATORS BUSY?

Canton, Yesterday.

Since the beginning of this month, premium for the Hong Kong dollar has been continually advancing. At the close of yesterday's market, 100 Hong Kong dollars could be exchanged for 135 local ones.

Merchants and even the banking community here are unable to give the reason for the present high rate of premium ruling for the Hong Kong currency, as the amount of business in import and export passed between the British Colony and Canton for the past few weeks did not justify the sudden advance of value of the Hong Kong dollar.

The present high mark of exchange has not been reached for many months and must be the result of heavy speculation by speculators and gamblers who make their profits in the gamble of exchange and not in legitimate business.—Canton Sun.

SOVIET ORDERS.

Make Good Increase in June.

WUHAN SIGHING FOR RELIEF.

The Ravages of Relentless Nature.

IMPOSSIBLE TO HELP.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Reuter's Hankow correspondent, telephoning on the 22nd says that Wuhan is sighing for relief. Today the water is still steady, but while there is a limit even to these ghat's floods, the misery is unlimited. Officials of the Standard Oil Company state that their surveys in Hupeh show that 36,000 square miles (half of the province) is flooded, and they estimate at 50,000,000 the number of homeless and destitute.

In Hunan, 20,000 square miles of the province are flooded and the estimate of the destitute is 2,000,000. It is physically impossible to estimate the number of deaths in these provinces, but they will unquestionably reach 2,000,000. In Wuhan alone from starvation and disease, there are now a thousand deaths a day.

All the corpses are thrown into the river together with dead dogs.

It is becoming widely recognised that no scheme of immediate relief is possible owing to the lack of facilities for the transportation of food stuffs. Relentless Nature which brought about the floods must be left to complete her ravages, and when he toll of millions has been taken human endeavour can step in to save what remains.

Food relief officials and Standard Oil representatives yesterday flew over the Han river and report the same monotonous story of a spread of water as far as the eye can reach. Innumerable refugees are crowding the dyke-tops, which are only a foot above water and they are without means of subsistence and must gradually succumb to starvation, disease and exposure.—Reuter.

PRINCE HENRY.

The King Pays a Visit to His Son.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At the conclusion of visits to Buckingham Palace of the political leaders this afternoon, the King visited his third son, the Duke of Gloucester, who yesterday underwent an operation for appendicitis at a nursing home at Portland Place. His Majesty spent some time at the bedside of the Royal patient.

The following bulletin signed by the Surgeon and Doctor in attendance, was issued this morning:—"The Duke of Gloucester has passed as comfortable a night as can be expected and his condition continues to be satisfactory."

To-night's bulletin states that the Duke's condition continues satisfactory.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

London, Saturday. The Duke of Gloucester was successfully operated upon to-day. His condition is satisfactory.—Reuter.

WORLD FLYERS.

Unable to Pay Fines in Japan.

Tokyo, Saturday.

Messrs. Hugh Herndon and Clyde Pangborn, the American aviators who ran afoul of the Japanese aviation laws while flying recently from Harbin to the Tachikawa Aerodrome, near Tokyo, were highly puzzled as to how they are going to pay fines of Yen 2,050 each.—United Press.

Get Money From Home.

To the relief of the American aviators, Hugh Herndon and Clyde Pangborn, who were fined Yen 2,050 each for the violation of the Japanese aviation regulations, a report was received here to-day that the financial supporters of the aviators in New York have remitted Yen 3,100 to Tokyo in postal notes to cover their fines.—Shimbun Rengo.

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook:

TO ATTRACT TOURISTS.

Lima, Saturday. Films of archaeological and scenic interest are to be distributed abroad by the National Museum in an effort to attract tourists to Peru.

The Government has announced

WILL BACKGAMMON COME BACK?

Gambling Element in America.

FORTUNES MADE.

The French are taking up shove halfpenny. They think it is a new game. Last year the Americans discovered backgammon. They fancied they also had found something new in the way of indoor games. In order to give it the necessary amount of "pep" they introduced a gambling element.

Big business entered into the spirit of the thing. Fortunes have been made through the manufacture of unnecessarily elaborate tables costing several hundred dollars. Authors have achieved enormous reputations by writing trite handbooks purporting to set forth the rules of this most ancient game.

In France the big galleries are advertising beautifully ingrained shove halfpenny boards. In a few weeks slim brochures in the Parisian style will appear on the boulevard bookstands giving the rules of this old English game. Money will be made in large quantities. Then the craze will die out and money will be lost. It is always the same.

It is the price commerce pays for an age of crazes.

Crazes do not endure. We may take up a pastime with avidity but presently we go looking for something else. I think we have caught this restless infection from the United States where everything is exploited by turns from gold mines to human emotions.

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Just a few years before the War a new game arrived played with a spool shaped like two cones placed

point to point, and a long piece of string slung between the ends of two short sticks. It was called diabolo. In the space of a few weeks every man, woman and child was trying to send the spool sky high by means of the rapidly moving piece of string. National competitions were organized. Records were made and broken. The game threatened to put every other national pastime in the shade.

And then very suddenly, the game lost favour. In a week or two most of the diabolo sets in the country had been burned. Now you might search a whole town and fail to find a store which stocks a single diabolo spool.

Diabolo was followed by roller skating.

All over the country low roofed buildings were shot up to accommodate young men and women who wished to dash to and fro on diminutive wheels. There was a time when everyone knew how to roller skate and then quite quickly the craze passed over. It revived again recently and it is true that up and down the country there are prosperous skating rinks, but for the most part roller skating is confined to small boys who dash up and down the pavements with a skate fixed to one foot.

The next craze was something far less strenuous but much more intellectual. This was the ancient Chinese game of Mah Jongg. It is a game which has been played in the East since the beginning of civilization.

A Chinese boy knows how to play Mah Jongg just as an English boy knows how to play draughts. When Mah Jongg came to England it at once became a fashionable game.

It was the tea time game for women and parties were organized for the purpose of playing it. It provided an excuse for gambling, but its rules were so complicated and its counting so intricate that it soon lost favour in spite of the fact that you could win a few shillings or a few pounds at a sitting. Now you rarely see Mah Jongg set in any house, and no one ever asks you if you play the game. There was an attempt soon afterwards to introduce a game called Wei Chi, but I do not recall its ever having attained any great success.

The Americans first went crazy over miniature golf. When they had used up every corner site in the States for a golf course, they sent the idea to us. We entered into it with rather tepid enthusiasm and miniature golf courses were quickly to be found

above halfpenny. Instead of halfpennies they use sou's or five centime pieces, a coin of practical

the same size. As a craze it will probably last just about as long as backgammon, maintaining its new popularity in England and South Africa.

HIGHWAY ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

Coolie Bound to a Tree.

CHEWED A ROPE!

Whilst conveying two baskets of beef and pork from Kowloon City to Saikung, a coolie was waylaid by three marauders near the Customs Pass yesterday.

Chen Hing, a fok of the Yuen Lee general stores, Hang Hau village, Saikung district, related that he was attacked by three men at the top of Saikung Road. The men emerged from bushes, and accused him of having stolen the meat. They then tied him up, bound him to a tree and made good their escape with the baskets.

Chen managed to release himself by chewing the rope for about an hour.

KWONGSANG'S FATE.

No Further News to Hand To-day.

WAISHING'S MOVEMENTS.

On inquiry at the local offices of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., just before 1 p.m. to-day, a *China Mail* representative was informed that no further news has come through with regard to the s.s. Kwongsang.

With regard to the s.s. Waishing, of the same Company, which went aground and was badly holed, and which was refloated a couple of days ago, it was learned this morning that she was to have left Nam Kwan harbour yesterday afternoon for Shanghai for docking.

It was not anticipated that the Waishing's departure from Nam Kwan would be communicated to the office here, so that no news of her is expected in Hong Kong until after her arrival in Shanghai.

[Earlier news appears on page 10.]

COALITION MINISTRY FOR BRITAIN?

(Continued from Page 1.)

It is believed His Majesty is using his personal influence to bring about a three-Party agreement in order to meet the emergency.

The opinion was held in London that the fate of the Labour Government was to be decided on Sunday, when a Cabinet meeting was to be held. Only in times of grave emergency are Cabinet meetings held on a Sunday, so this is an index of the seriousness of the position and the difficulties with which Mr. MacDonald's Government is faced.

Earlier Cables.

London, Saturday.

With the possibility of resignation, either of the whole Government or individual Ministers, looming on the horizon, the Cabinet continued its economy deliberations at 9.30 o'clock this morning, adjourning at mid-day until the afternoon.

This was the first Saturday on which a Cabinet Meeting has been held since the critical days of War time.

Tense political excitement surrounding the deliberations drew a considerable crowd to Downing Street.

Immediately the Cabinet rose, Conference with Opposition Leaders was resumed.

It is anticipated that a statement embodying Government's intentions will be issued at the close of this afternoon's Cabinet meeting.

Among the crop of rumours and forecasts offered by political observers, perhaps the most interesting is, that Conservatives have suggested to Liberals the formation of a joint Conservative-Liberal administration with Mr. Lloyd George as Chancellor of the Exchequer.—Reuter.

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H. J. BEST.
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, August 24, 1931.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the inaugural Race Meeting to be held on SUNDAY, 6th September, 1931, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Central.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, 25th August, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE FIXTURES FOR 1932.

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2nd Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 26th March. Easter Monday, 28th March.

3rd Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 9th April.

4th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 23rd April.

5th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 30th April.

6th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 14th May.

7th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 27th May.

8th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 11th June.

9th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 17th September.

10th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 24th September.

11th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 8th October.

Double 10th, Monday, 10th October.

12th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 22nd October.

13th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 5th November.

14th Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 19th November.

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KWONGSANG SEARCH.

Doubtful Stories from Chinese.

NO BODIES IDENTIFIED.

Reports received on Saturday from the Commander of H.M.S. Sepoy seem to indicate that further searching so long after the wreck of the Kwongsang is not likely to reveal anything that will throw much further light on the tragedy. A thorough search of the south shore of Funing Bay, in the vicinity of Low Neck, whilst it resulted in certain discoveries, did not prove to be very helpful. Eleven Chinese bodies were found, none of which could be identified. Also fifteen graves were seen, but it is considered unlikely that by digging them up any of the bodies could be identified, even had time permitted exhumation.

Doubtful Stories.

A horse and 23 sheep, presumably part of the Kwongsang's cargo, were also found, together with a large number of Indo-China S.S. Co. lifebelts. However, there was practically no sign of ship wreckage, except a very small piece of white enamelled wood. The Commander is of opinion that wreckage there was has been used by the inhabitants by this time.

No Bodies Identified.

The messages are emphatic upon the point that no bodies have been identified, in spite of reports between ships to that effect.

The finding of a lifebuoy belonging to the s.s. Benarty, near Incog Islands, is also reported. It will be recalled that the Benarty was caught by the same typhoon in which the Kwongsang and Waishing came to grief. The Chief Engineer, Mr. Grimwood, was washed overboard and drowned. The ship also lost one of its boats, and was so badly knocked about that she had to go into dock for repairs upon arrival in Hong Kong.

Text of Messages.

The text of the messages from the Commander of H.M.S. Sepoy, issued by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. on Saturday, is as follows:

Have intercepted signal from Kwaisang to Kumsang in which he states that two bodies have been identified. This should be denied as false. No bodies have been identified.

The south shore of Funing Bay in the vicinity of low neck has been searched, and fifteen graves, one horse, 23 sheep and eleven bodies of Chinese were found. There were also many Indo-China lifebelts.

Fishermen there, who are not reliable, said one body which was buried arrived with a cigarette tin and revolver bullets in it. These were unobtainable, and even if time had permitted it is considered unlikely that by digging up all the graves the body could have been identified.

There was no sign of any ship wreckage except one very small piece of white enamelled wood. I think that any wooden wreckage will have been used by the local inhabitants by now. Two barcooes and one Chinese money pouch were found.

I do not consider any value will be obtained from further searching so long after the wreck.

A lifebuoy, belonging to s.s. Benarty of Leith was picked up in the neighbourhood of Incog Islands, to-day, Friday. This ship lost a boat in this vicinity during the typhoon. I do not consider a junk expedition to Funingfu now necessary.

PIRACY SUSPECTS.

SURVIVORS OF THE POSEIDON.

Presentation of Medals at Gosport.

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Admiral Waistell also congratulated and shook hands with Petty officers Willis and Clarke. He said that all had maintained the tradition of the Submarine Service in thinking of others. Reuter.

SIX RELEASED.

Following the return to harbour of the s.s. Helikon, to whose assistance H.M.S. Stormcloud rushed on account of a piracy scare, it is understood that of the nine persons who were detained by the Police on Saturday, only two men and one woman are still detained. It is to be presumed that they were unable to furnish satisfactory explanations of their presence on the steamer.

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CASE OF POLITICAL REFUGEES.

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Presenting his argument, Mr. Jenkin said that he would first of all make a summary of his points which he would argue in respect of both Orders. He would divide the argument under two heads which he might term political and non-political grounds.

"Executive" Defined.

"In the course of my submission I shall refer frequently to the 'Executive.' By that term I shall include the Governor, the Governor-in-Council, and also His Majesty's Government in Britain. I do that for the reason that in the two letters read by Your Lordships, and written by the Crown Solicitor on August 13 and 14 respectively, there is the clearest indication that the Local Government will not act without the authority of His Majesty's Government. Furthermore, it will be within the recollection of Your Lordship the Chief Justice that when the Attorney-General applied for a date for the hearing of this matter he stated that he was under express instructions from His Majesty's Government."

Political Points.

Mr. Jenkin then submitted the points of his summary, which were:

Political—1.—The Courts have jurisdiction to prevent misuse of executive power. This argument will apply to both Deportation Orders. The Orders are invalid in that there is an abuse of the powers conferred upon the Local Executive. The Order is a sham in that under the cloak of deportation the Executive is in truth attempting to surrender the applicant to the French authorities for an offence of a political character.

2.—Even if the Orders themselves are valid in that on their face they do not disclose this duplicity, the subsequent shipping orders (to use that phrase comprehensively) of the Government, that the applicant shall be shipped on a French ship bound for Indo-China are invalid, and mask an illegality.

3. (a).—The object of the Deportation Ordinance is deportation pure and simple, or the getting out of the Colony of unwilling guests.

(b). If there is any provision in the Deportation Ordinance capable of the interpretation that it allows the course of conduct on the part of the Executive, it is wholly void and inoperative, by reason of the Colonial Laws Validity Act, 1865.

(c). The reason for this is that if such a provision exists it is in direct conflict with the Imperial Extradition Acts, which are part and parcel of the laws of the Colony, and binding on the Executive.

(d). These latter Acts in most express terms forbid such course as is now being taken by the Executive in sending the applicant to Indo-China for an offence of a political character.

4.—The proviso to Section 6 of the Deportation Ordinance cannot avail the Executive, although it is argued here by the Crown that it expressly permits the proposed course to be validly taken except when extradition proceedings have

been actually commenced and resulted in a discharge.

Non-Political Points.

The non-political points put forward by counsel were in support of an argument that the second Order was bad, as was everything done under it, because:

(a) In issuing the first Order the Executive exhausted its power to issue any further Deportation Order against this applicant, at the present period.

(b) The second Order was issued during the currency of the first one. There cannot be two separate Orders outstanding at the same time, for the same purpose.

(c) The issue of the second Order before, instead of after, the applicant's discharge on the first Order, is a subterfuge to avoid the pitfall of again arresting for the same cause a person discharged on *habeas corpus*.

(d) The second Order can be made only if the Governor-in-Council considers it conducive to the public good, and in this case the making of the second Order was not impelled by any such considerations.

(e) The Order was not made at a duly convened or constituted meeting of the Governor-in-Council.

(f) The improper interrogation by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs invalidates the second Order, as well as the first.

Mr. Jenkin, after making his points, thanked Their Lordships for noting them down so carefully. He wanted them to be on Their Lordship's record in case "a matter of this moment should go elsewhere."

Mr. Jenkin went on to submit that the Court would jealously guard the rights of political offenders living under the protection of British laws, whatever their nationality, and would prevent a misuse of executive power.

Counsel went on to quote cases in support, with particular reference to the effect in Great Britain of the Aliens' Restriction Act of 1914, passed the day after War broke out.

He made the submission that in none of these cases did any of the applications of principles by the Courts make any distinction between aliens and British subjects.

He also contended that by the present Order, something illegal was going to be done, because what was permitted by the Aliens' Restriction Act of 1914, in Britain, was expressly forbidden in this and other Colonies.

"Both the Deportation Orders here have a purpose behind them which I allege is illegal, as is, also the shipping order under them."

"The Courts in England," counsel added, "have clearly declared that they will not hesitate to interfere if there is any evidence before them of misuse of executive power."

(c) Referring to what was known as the Chateau Thierry case, counsel said that power had been granted there to deport a man on a specified ship: "But there were circumstances in this case which would defeat any argument based upon that ruling."

Briefly outlining the history of extradition in England, Mr. Jenkin said that up to 1905 there was, for all practical purposes, no power to deport anybody at all.

There was of the Statute Book a few very exceptional cases in which it could be done, but the right of expulsion was for all practical purposes treated as non-existent.

In 1905, by the Aliens' Act of

that year, Edward VII, Cap. 18

the Imperial Parliament revived the power of expulsion, but it was important to note that they at once put on the Statute Book as part of that Act a prohibition against the expulsion of anybody for a political offence.

Thereby they perpetuated the stand taken by the then British Foreign Minister, Lord Clarendon, in 1868, in connection with an attempted assassination by a man named Orsini. Lord Clarendon had then said that there was "no consideration on earth which could have induced the British Parliament to pass a law for the extradition of political prisoners."

"Unfortunately, Lord Clarendon could not have conceived of the exigencies of the Great War," said counsel. "Because the Imperial Parliament, at a time of very grave national danger, in 1914, by the Aliens' Restriction Act, passed the day after War broke out, handed power to the Executive, were it so willed, virtually to hand back a political refugee under the process of deportation.

Although that Act was for a limited period, it is now continued from year to year by the Expiry Act.

"The position at Home was that the Extradition Act of 1870, which expressly forbade the surrender of political refugees, was an Imperial Act, and it is obvious that the Imperial Parliament could

at any time repeal or

nullify an earlier act of its own.

Therefore, although the Extradition Act prohibits the surrender of political refugees, the Imperial Parliament had, by the Act of 1914, in effect given them power

(to deport).

Not Applicable Here.

"But in this Colony or in every Colony, where the Act of 1914 has not been extended, the position is entirely different. The Executive cannot by anything it does, take away the full force and effect of the prohibition contained in the Act of 1870."

Answering the Chief Justice, Mr. Jenkin said that his submission that there was no local Ordinance which was capable of being construed to the effect that a political refugee could be handed back to a country with whom there are no extradition arrangements, or to a country, which although there are arrangements, has made no application for the handing over. Such a premise would lead to the gravest possible abuse, particularly in the case of countries where there was such an arrangement.

No Power of Legislation.

Mr. Jenkin repeated that short of an Imperial Act being extended expressly to this Colony, nothing the Executive could do would permit an Ordinance being passed here which contained a provision repugnant to either the express terms or the clear spirit of the Extradition Act of 1870. That was equivalent to saying that the Legislature here were not in a position to pass such an Ordinance. In fact, they were expressly prohibited by Imperial Parliament from passing any Ordinance giving such powers.

The case is proceeding.

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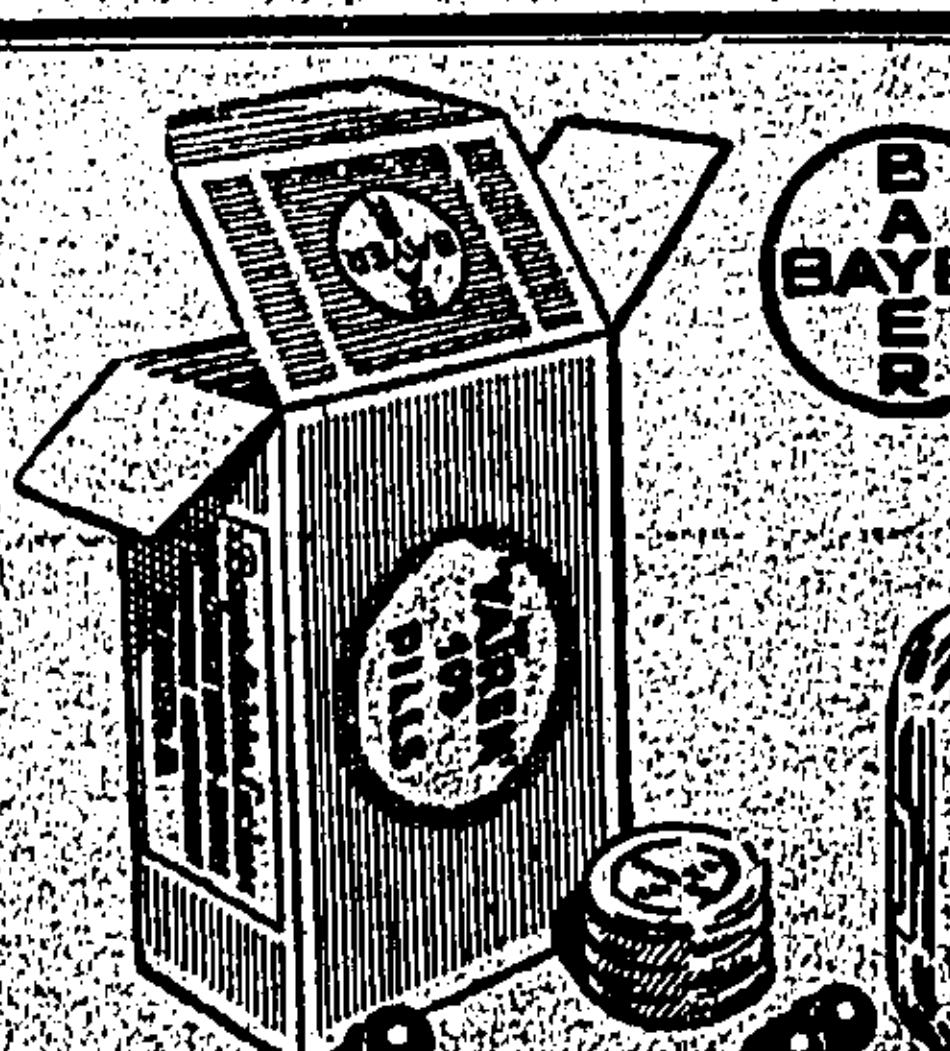
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